

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MEETING OF THE
CALIFORNIA INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 27, 2004
Department of Consumer Affairs
400 'R' Street
Sacramento, California

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victor Weisser, Chair
Paul Arney
Dennis DeCota
John Hisserich
Bruce Hotchkiss
Gideon Kracov
Judith Lamare
Robert Pearman
Richard Skaggs
Jeffrey Williams

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Norm Covell
Mark Martin

ALSO PRESENT:

Rocky Carlisle, Executive Officer
Lynn Forsyth, Administrative Staff
Cathy McIntosh, Staff Services Analyst

MOTIONS:

1. Committee Member DeCota made a motion for the adoption of the minutes from the October 31, 2003 meeting. The motion received a second from Committee Member Skaggs. The minutes were unanimously adopted as written.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Since the last meeting held in October 2003, former Governor Gray Davis appointed two new committee members and an Executive Officer. The new committee members are Mr. Paul Arney and Mr. John Hisserich. Mr. Arney's background is in natural resources and he holds a master's degree in public policy. Currently, Mr. Arney is a Business Representative for Assembly Member Dario Frommer in Glendale, CA. He specializes in water issues, urban park issues, and economic development. His interest in committee membership stems from his concern for clean air and improving the environment.

Mr. John Hisserich works in the public health field and is currently on the faculty and the administration at the University of Southern California where he has served for the past 32 years. In addition, he has served on the California Coastal Commission and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Mr. Rocky Carlisle was appointed as the Executive Officer for the IMRC on November 14, 2003. Mr. Carlisle worked for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) as an Air Quality Engineer where he worked on special projects such as Test-Only and low-pressure fuel evaporative testing, research, and development. Prior to his employment by the state, Mr. Carlisle worked for 26 years as an automotive technician and for a portion of that time, a shop owner.

2. Mr. Carlisle gave a brief report regarding his activities since assuming the Executive Officers position in November and they include the following:
 - a. Organizing the IMRC office;
 - b. Replacing obsolete equipment including computers and fax machines;
 - c. Creating a new website hosted by the Department of Consumer Affairs;
 - d. Updating the interested parties' list and converting most addresses to e-mail as opposed to US Mail; and,
 - e. Proposed moving the office from its current location at 915 L St. to another state facility to accommodate significant savings in monthly rental costs and improve support functions.
3. Mr. Tom Cackette, Chief Deputy Executive Officer of the Air Resources Board (ARB), and Mr. David Amlin, Chief of the BAR's Smog Check Engineering Branch, provided a comprehensive presentation on the Smog Check Program Evaluation Report.
4. Chairman Weisser provided the IMRC with a brief update from the ad hoc sub committee consisting of himself and Jude Lamare regarding the 30-year rolling exemption and a vehicle scrap program.
5. The IMRC briefly discussed the requirements for the IMRC as outlined in section 44021 of the Health and Safety Code for reports to the Legislature. After consulting with DCA legal staff, the IMRC decided to use the calendar year as a basis for the annual reporting to the Legislature and the Governor.
6. Chairman Weisser requested that BAR provide at a later date a breakdown between fleets and privately owned vehicles that are considered to be high mileage, (e.g. driven above 25,000 or 50,000 miles per year).
7. The IMRC requested an estimate of the total vehicle emission inventory created by California's motor vehicle fleet subject to the Smog Check program and the estimated reductions achieved by the Smog Check program.
8. Tom Cackette of ARB offered to see if ARB facilities with webcast capabilities might be available for future IMRC meetings dealing with the reports to the Legislature.
9. In the coming months, the IMRC meetings will include review of several activities being undertaken at BAR and/or ARB including the following:
 - a. The remote sensing demonstration project being conducted by BAR and ARB;
 - b. The progress and status of the low pressure fuel evaporative test that illustrates the operation of the device and the methods of implementation; and,
 - c. The methodologies used by ARB and BAR to evaluate ideas regarding new technologies aimed at improving the operating characteristics of automobiles in terms of their emissions.